



BENSEN FIRE & SAFETY CONSULTING LTD.
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CURRICULUM VITAE

KURT J. SCHNEIDER, C.F.I.

EXPERIENCE

August 2012 to Present
Fire Investigator/Consultant
Bensen Fire & Safety Consulting
Delaware, Ohio

December 2002 to February 2016
Deputy Sheriff/ Bomb Tech/ Past K-9 Handler
Ashland County Sheriff's Office
Ashland, Ohio

October 2007 to December 2011
Arson and Explosives Investigator
State of Ohio Fire Marshal Office
Reynoldsburg, Ohio

June 1999 to November 2007
Paramedic/Firefighter/Fire Prevention & Arson Bureau
Mansfield Fire Department
Mansfield, Ohio

October 1993 to June 1999
Paramedic/Firefighter
Madison Township Fire Department
Mansfield, Ohio

August 1998 to November 2001
Fire Protection Specialist
Mansfield Fire Extinguisher & Safety
Mansfield, Ohio

September 1994 to December 2002
Peace Officer
Cardington Police Department
Cardington, Ohio

April 1990 to June 1991
Firefighter
Fremont Volunteer Fire Department
Fremont, Indiana

FORMAL EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
College of Applied Science
Fire Science Engineering Program
June 2003 to Present

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
General Studies
Marion/Mansfield, Ohio
September 1991 to Present

FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL
Honors Diploma
Fremont, Indiana
September 1987 to June 1991

TECHNICAL TRAINING

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE
Basic Peace Officer Training
Mansfield, Ohio
March 1994 to August 1994

OHIO FIRE ACADEMY
Career Firefighter Certification
Reynoldsburg, Ohio
August 1992

CERTIFICATIONS

CERTIFIED FIRE & EXPLOSION INVESTIGATOR
National Association of Fire Investigators # 6073-2098
Effective: October 1998

CERTIFIED FIRE INVESTIGATOR
International Association of Fire Investigators # 01-135
Effective: July 2008

CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS DEVICE TECHNICIAN
Hazardous Device School, Redstone Arsenal – Huntsville, Alabama
Effective: September 14, 2012
Expires: September 14, 2016

CERTIFIED FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT INSTALLER
Department of Commerce #54-03-1078
Effective: September 1998

CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER
Ohio Peace Officer Training Council
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy # 94-1911
Effective: October 1994

PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER

Ohio Department of Public Safety

Effective: September 1992

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS LEVEL

Ohio Fire Academy

Effective: July 1992

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS LEVEL

Ohio Fire Academy

Effective: August 1992

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN LEVEL

Cleveland State University

Effective: November 1998

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FOR EMS RESPONDERS

Ohio Fire Academy

Effective: October 1993

CONFINED SPACE RESCUE / ENTRY TECHNICIAN

Cleveland State University

Effective: November 1995

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Chemical Agents Training – 06-02-94 - 4 hours

Paramedic Refresher - 03-08-95 - 48 hours

Safety Forces Conference - 03-25-95 - 12 hours

(Gun Safety, Tactical EMS, Gang recognition)

Basic Fire Investigation - Week of 05-08-95 - 30 hours

Confined Space Entry and Rescue - August 1997 - 12 hours

ODOT Bridge Class - 02-17-97 - 22 hours

Paramedic Refresher - February 2000 - 48 hours

NAFI Sponsored Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator - 1998 - 150 hours

Fire Protection Consultants, Kitchen Suppression Systems - 1999 - 8 hours

Scott Air Pack 2.2 / 4.5 Maintenance – November 1999 – 6 hours

Hydrotest Products DOT Cert. For 49CFR 173.34e – Nov. 2000 – 8 hours

Azzi International Service for Dogs - 2001 - 200 hours

First Aid for Canine Units - March 2002 - 8 hours

John Reid Seminar Interviews and Interrogations - December 2001 - 24 hours

Northern Ohio Arson Seminar - February 1999 - 8 hours

Eastern Kentucky University Adv. Fire Explosion Seminar - March 2002 - 24 hrs

Motor Vehicle Fire Incident Investigations - April 2002 - 16 hours

Paramedic Refresher - May 2002 - 48 hours

Hazardous Materials Technician Refresher - March 2000 - 16 hours

M&M Kennels - April 2003 - 80 hours

Northern Ohio Arson Seminar - February 2003 - 16 hours

M26 Taser Training - September 2003 - 8 hours

Northern Ohio Arson Seminar - February 2004 - 16 hours

Chemical Agents Re-Training - March 2004 - 4 hours

OSHP Academy – Basic Crash Investigation – April 2004 – 16 hours

Pyrotechnics for CFSI - June 2004 - 8 hours

OPOTA, Evidence Technician – September 2004 – 80 hours

OSHP Columbus – Canine Legal Updates – November 2004 – 6 hours
Johnsville Fire Department (Fire Fatality Scene Investigations) – May 2005 – 6 hours
Emergency Management Institute – IS100, IS200, IS700, IS800 – Sept. 2005
Bowling Green State University – Paramedic Refresher – May 2006 – 48 hours
Ashland County Sheriff’s Office – LIDAR – March 2006 - 8 hours
Ashland County Sheriff’s Office – O.C. and Taser Recertification – 8 hours
Southern Ohio Arson Seminar – May 16-18, 2007 – 20 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer - Daubert Challenge Case Study - December 23, 2007 - 2 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer - Ethics & the Fire Investigator - December 23, 2007 - 3 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer - Critical Thinking Solves Case - January 6, 2008 - 4 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2008 – 16 hours
BATFE & OFA - Post Blast Investigation – April 21-25, 2008 – 40 hours
OFA - Fireworks Exhibitions for Fire Service & L.E. – June 4, 2008 – 6 hours
Ashland County Prosecuting Attorney – Criminal Procedure Update – November 2008 – 8 hours
OFA – Fireworks Exhibitions for Fire Service & L.E. – June 3, 2009 – 6 hours
HIDIA – Interviews & Interrogations – April 21-22, 2009 – 16 hours
OPOTA – Criminal Procedure Update – January 21, 2010 – 4 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2010 – 16 hours
New Mexico Tech – Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings – Aug. 2010 - 32 hours
OPOTA – Senate Bill 77 – December 2010 – 4 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2011 – 16 hours
NFPA 921 Update – June 2011 – 6 hours
ACSO – OSFM Forensic Lab Updates – September 2011 – 4 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2012 - 16 hours
ODPS – NHTSA OVI and Field Sobriety Detection / Testing – March 2012 – 40
ACSO – Xray Interpretations / PAN Operations – March 2012 – 4.5 hours
ACSO – Advanced Xray Interpretation / Target Plotting – May 2012 – 4.0 hours
ACSO – Chemring 12-12 Disrupter – May 2012 – 4 hours
OPOTA – Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation II – June 2012 – 40 hours
ADAP Certification – March 2012 – 40 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2013 – 16 hours
OPOTA – Investigation of Child Abuse / Deaths – March 2013 – 2 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer - Ventilation-Focused Approach to Impact of Bldg Structures & Systems,
June 2013 – 4 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer – Practical Application between NFPA 1033 & 921 – June 2013 – 2 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer – Explosion Dynamics – June 2013 – 4 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer – Investigating Fatal Fires – June 2013
OPOTA – Vehicle Dynamics Crash Investigation III – August 2013 – 40 hours
IAAI, CFI Trainer – Hazwoper Standard – December 2013 – 2 hours
ODPS – LEADS INQ with CCH Training – October 2014
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2014 – 16 hours
Ashland County Prosecuting Attorney – Criminal Patrol updates – March 2014 - 4 hours
OPOTA – Domestic Violence Legal Updates / Protection Orders – 4 hours
OPOTA – Finding Words with Elderly – October 2014 – 2 hours
OPOTA – Terrorism Awareness – November 2004 – 2 hours
OPOTA – Terrorism – November 2014 – 2 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2015 – 16 hours
OPOTA – Domestic Violence Lethality Factors – August 2015 – 2 hours
OPOTA – Crisis Conflict Management – August 2015 – 2 hours
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar – February 2016 – 16 hours

EXPERT WITNESS & COURT TESTIMONY

Ashland County Common Pleas Court

Case 11-CRI-063, June 2011, Criminal, Grand Jury

Case 11-CRI-081, August 2011, Criminal, Grand Jury
Richland County Common Pleas Court
Case 2009-CR-0642, August 2009, Criminal, Grand Jury
Case 2009-CR-0773D, November 2009, Criminal, Grand Jury
Case 2009-CR-971D, February 2010, Criminal Case, Grand Jury
Case 2009-CR-971D, April 2010, Criminal Case, Suppression Hearing
Richland County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division
SFM Case 2009-0676, March 2010, Criminal
SFM Case 2011-0305, June 2011, Criminal
Wyandot County Common Pleas Court
Case 08-CR-0065, November 2009, Criminal, Grand Jury
Franklin County Common Pleas Court
Case 11CV-01-1326, August 2011, Civil Deposition
Huron County Common Pleas Court
Case CRI20080367, April 2008, Criminal, Grand Jury
Morrow County Common Pleas Court
Sandusky County Common Pleas Court
Case 08CR000980, October 2008, Criminal, Trial
Seneca County Common Pleas Court
Case 09-CR-0186, September 2009, Criminal, Grand Jury
Northern District of Ohio Federal Court (Cleveland, Akron)
Case 1:10CR221, May, 2010, Criminal, Grand Jury
Case 1:10CR221, November 2010, Criminal, Suppression Hearing
Case 1:10CR221, May 2011, Criminal, Trial

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

International Association of Arson Investigators
International Association of Arson Investigators – Ohio Chapter
National Association of Fire Investigators
Buckeye State Sheriff's Association
Northern Ohio Arson Seminar Board of Directors
National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications
National Fire Protection Association - (previous member)
